



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, MTG RM A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT
Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>
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Materials can be viewed at: <https://www.bethel-ct.gov/Zoom-Documents>

Present:

Chairman: Nick Ellis, Board members: Bobbi Jo Beers, John Lennon, and Will Duff attended in-person. Bob Manfreda, Cynthia McCorkindale, and Dalene Foster attended via Zoom.

Also in attendance, in-person, were all members of the Board Selectmen, Comptroller Brad Heering and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Board of Finance Chair, Nick Ellis, and First Selectman Carter, called the special joint meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2023-2024 Department Budget Presentations:

70-450 -Board of Education

Request \$54,423,164

School Superintendent, Dr. Christine Carver, and BOE Chair, Melanie O'Brien, presented the request and noted a 6.37% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were proposed capital expenditures in the amount of \$50,000.00. Discussion ensued.

70-460 -Board of Education Maintenance

Request \$513,880

School Superintendent, Dr. Christine Carver, presented the request and noted a 14.20% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

Recess called from 8:00pm – 8:05pm.

20-310 -Bethel Fire Department

Request \$202,360

Chief Chris McCollam presented the request and noted a 5.25% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were capital expenditures in the amount of \$2,050,000.

Discussion ensued.

20-320 -Stony Hill Fire Department

Request \$177,300

Chief John Baker presented the request and noted a 7.32% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were capital expenditures in the amount of \$1,722,000.

Discussion ensued.

10-170 -Probate Court

Request \$6,207

Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 5.01% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

Consideration of year end transfers:

Comptroller Heering reviewed the year end transfers. Discussion ensued. Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bobbi Jo Beers, to approve the year end transfers.

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bobbi Jo Beers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary